

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A driveway safety net, comprising:

two stakes; and

a net that attaches between the two stakes;

wherein when the two stakes are placed on both sides of a driveway and the net is attached between the two stakes, the net hinders balls and other toys from rolling past the net.

2. A driveway safety net as in claim 1, wherein each stake includes at least two prongs that are pushed into the ground when placing the stake.

3. A driveway safety net as in claim 2, wherein at least one prong of each stake is wider in one dimension than in another dimension so that the stake is more resistant to being pulled over in at least one direction than in at least one other direction.

4. A driveway safety net as in claim 3, wherein each stake includes at least two attachment points for the net; and

wherein the attachment points are on a side of the stake toward which the stake is more resistant to being pulled over.

1                   5. A driveway safety net as in claim 2, wherein each prong of each stake is wider  
2 in one dimension than in another dimension so that the stake is more resistant to being pulled  
3 over in at least one direction than in at least one other direction; and  
4                   wherein each prong is curved in an arc across its wider dimension.

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6                   6. A driveway safety net as in claim 5, wherein each stake includes at least two  
7 attachment points for the net; and  
8                   wherein the attachment points are on a side of the stake toward which the stake is  
9 more resistant to being pulled over.

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11                  7. A driveway safety net as in claim 1, wherein each stake includes at least two  
12 attachment points for the net.

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14                  8. A driveway safety net as in claim 7, wherein the attachment points are snap  
15 hooks, hook material, or loop material.

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17                  9. A driveway safety net as in claim 1, wherein the net is made of plastic or  
18 canvas netting.

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20                  10. A driveway safety net as in claim 9, wherein when attached between the two  
21 stakes, a bottom of the net is no more than three inches above the ground.

1                    11. A driveway safety net as in claim 9, wherein the net is two feet high by  
2 sixteen to seventeen feet wide.

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4                    12. A method of hindering balls and other toys from rolling off a driveway,  
5 comprising the steps of:

6                    placing two stakes on both sides of a driveway;

7                    attaching a net between the two stakes.

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9                    13. A method as in claim 12, wherein each stake includes at least two prongs that  
10 are pushed into the ground when placing the stake.

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12                    14. A method as in claim 13, wherein at least one prong of each stake is wider in  
13 one dimension than in another dimension so that the stake is more resistant to being pulled over  
14 in at least one direction than in at least one other direction.

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16                    15. A method as in claim 14, wherein each stake includes at least two attachment  
17 points for the net; and

18                    wherein the attachment points are on a side of the stake toward which the stake is  
19 more resistant to being pulled over.

1                   16. A method as in claim 13, wherein each prong of each stake is wider in one  
2   dimension than in another dimension so that the stake is more resistant to being pulled over in at  
3   least one direction than in at least one other direction; and  
4                   wherein each prong is curved in an arc across its wider dimension.

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6                   17. A method as in claim 16, wherein each stake includes at least two attachment  
7   points for the net; and  
8                   wherein the attachment points are on a side of the stake toward which the stake is  
9   more resistant to being pulled over.

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11                  18. A method as in claim 12, wherein each stake includes at least two attachment  
12   points for the net.

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14                  19. A method as in claim 18, wherein the attachment points are snap hooks, hook  
15   material, or loop material.

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17                  20. A method as in claim 12, wherein the net is made of plastic or canvas netting.

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19                  21. A method as in claim 20, wherein when attached between the two stakes, a  
20   bottom of the net is no more than three inches above the ground.

- 1                    22. A method as in claim 20, wherein the net is two feet high by sixteen to
- 2    seventeen feet wide.